Expansion of Small Scale Industries

704. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out any comprehensive programme for expansion of small scale industries during the financial year 1995-96;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the estimated investment to be made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The VIII Five Year Plan (1992—97) sets out the framework for promotion and development of Small Scale Industries. The VIII Five Year Plan has been formulated keeping in view the policy measures for promoting and strengthening Small, Tiny and Village Enterprises, announced on 6th August, 1991. The policy measures *inter alia* emphasises on support measures like-Infrastructural Facilities, Marketing and Exports, Modernisation, Technological and Quality Upgradation, Promotion of Entrepreneurship etc.

The VIII Five Year Plan laid down annual targets for Employment Production and Exports as follows:

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
1. Employment (Lakh Nos)	128.9	133.0	138.6	144.4	150.5
2. Production at 90-91 prices (Rs. crores)	168000	179760	196118	213965	233436
3. Exports at 90-91 prices (Rs crores)	13820	15178	16695	18364	20201

Against the above targets the achievements during first three years of Eighth Five Year Plan are as follows:

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
1. Employment (in lakh Nos)	134.06	139.38	145.00 (P)
2. Production (Rs. crores)	169125	181133	197423 (P)
3. Exports (Rs. crores)	17784	24000	N.A.

P=Provisional

The approved outlay for the VIII Five Year Plan for the Small Scale Sector is Rs. 627.00 crores. Within the provision of VIII Five Year Plan of Rs. 627 crores for Small scale Industries Sector Annual Plan formulations have been made and accordingly, the Budget Provisions for the first three years of VIII Five Year Plan are as follows :

	Rs. Crores
1992-93	120.20
1993-94	138.70
1994-95	235.00

Besides, States also make provision for the promotion and development of Small Scale Industries. The provision for the year 1995-96 is under finalisation.

(c) Government do not make investment in Small Scale Industries. The investment in Small Scale Industries is entirely by private initiative for which assistance is available through Financial Institutions and Commercial Banks.

Funds from National Renewal Fund

705. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHA BHAI PATEL :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of funds to be released from the National Renewal Fund (NRF) for the current financial year;

(b) the details of amount already released; and

(c) how much of it has been released or is to be released for projects in Gujarat State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) A sum of Rs. 700 crores has been provided for the National Renewal Fund in the Budget Estimates of of 1994-95. Out of this 500 crores have been earmarked for implementation of Voluntary Retirement Scheme in Central Public Sector Undertakings including those in the State of Gujarat.

(b) and (c) The details of amount released under the National Renewal Fund are as under:

(Rs in crores)

1992-93	1993-94	1994-95 (As on 31-1-95)
688.72	542.23	104.68

Apart from assistance for implementing Voluntary Retirement Schemes by Central Public Sector Undertakings based in Gujarat, an amount of Rs. 23.98 lakhs has been released in 1993-94 and 1994-95 (upto 31-1-95 to Gandhi Labour Institute, Ahmedabad for retraining scheme of rationalised workers at Ahmedabad.

Poor quality of imported Flint Buttons

706. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the quality of imported Flint Buttons is poor as against the domestic Flint Buttons;

(b) if so, the reasons for importing the same; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the samples of imported Flint Buttons were tested by the Central Glass & Ceramic Research Institute and were found to be poor in quality?